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For: Filters Employing Porous Strongly Acidic Polymers

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- ☒ Listed references [AB, AI and AC4] were cited in the enclosed International Search Report in a counterpart foreign application.

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- ☒ The "concise explanation" requirement (non-English references) for reference [AQ] under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) is satisfied by:
 - ☐ the explanation provided on the attached sheet.
 - ☐ the explanation provided in the Specification.
 - ☐ submission of the enclosed International Search Report.
 - ☒ the enclosed English language abstract.

☐ Applicant requests that the following pending applications be considered:

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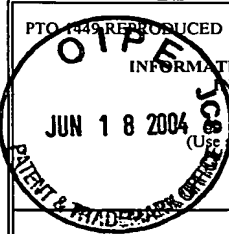
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EXAM- INER INI- TIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	3,019,127	01/30/62	Czerwonka et al.	117	33	
	AB	3,409,691	11/05/68	Small	260	676	
	AC	3,607,706	9/21/71	Eisenmann et al.	204	296	
	AD	3,998,988	12/21/76	Shimomai et al.	428	400	
	AE	Re. 29,410	09/20/77	Yoshino	427	390 R	
	AF	4,072,793	02/07/78	Watanabe et al.	428	255	
	AG	4,204,011	05/20/80	Tanabe et al.	427	57	
	AH	4,224,415	09/23/80	Meitzner et al.	521	38	
	AI	4,313,832	02/02/82	Shimizu et al.	210	663	
	AJ	4,322,230	03/30/82	Schoen et al.	55	316	
	AK	4,629,479	12/16/86	Cantoni	55	274	
	AA2	4,852,133	7/25/89	Ikeda et al.	378	34	
	AB2	4,981,501	01/01/91	Von Blucher et al.	55	316	
	AC2	5,039,321	08/13/91	Satoh et al.	454	187	
	AD2	5,133,864	07/28/92	Vaughn et al.	210	437	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	AL	EP 0335034	04 Oct 1989	Europe			
	AM	EP 0398847	22 Nov 1990	Europe			
	AN	WO 00/25896	11 May 2000	PCT			
	AO	EP 0584030	23 Feb 1994	Europe			
	AP	DE 19859788	23 March 2000	Germany			
	AQ	WO 00/07696	17 Feb 2000	Japan (English Abstract Only)			X
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
	AR	Kishkovich, O., et al., "An Accelerated Testing Technique for Evaluating Performance of Chemical Air Filters for DUV Photolithographic Equipment," SPIE Vol. 3677, pp. 857-865 (Part of the SPIE Conference on Metrology, Inspection and Process Control for Microlithography XIII, Santa Clara, CA) (March 1999)					
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	AE2	5,166,530	11/24/92	McCleary	250	492.2	
	AF2	5,204,055	04/20/93	Sachs et al.	419	2	
	AG2	5,290,345	03/01/94	Osendorf et al.	96	129	
	AH2	5,300,604	04/05/94	Nasman et al.	526	278	
	AI2	5,306,321	04/26/94	R. Osendorf	55	487	
	AJ2	5,328,758	07/12/94	Markell et al.	428	281	
	AK2	5,340,656	08/23/94	Sachs et al.	428	546	
	AA3	5,387,380	02/07/95	Cima et al.	264	69	
	AB3	5,399,377	03/21/95	Economy et al.	427	226	
	AC3	5,430,303	07/04/95	Matsumoto et al.	250	492.2	
	AD3	5,462,485	10/31/95	D. Kinkead	454	256	
	AE3	5,486,410	01/23/96	Groeger et al.	428	283	
	AF3	5,582,865	12/10/96	Rezuke et al.	427	244	
	AG3	5,605,746	02/25/97	Groeger et al.	442	347	
	AH3	5,607,647	03/04/97	D. Kinkead	422	122	
	AI3	5,616,169	04/01/97	De Ruiter et al.	95	90	
	AJ3	5,626,820	05/06/97	Kinkead et al.	422	122	
	AK3	5,647,356	07/15/97	Osendorf et al.	128	206.17	
	AA4	5,685,895	11/11/97	Hagiwara et al.	96	117	
	AB4	5,743,927	04/28/98	R. Osendorf	55	497	
	AC4	5,753,345	05/19/98	Kuma et al.	428	143	
	AD4	5,772,884	06/30/98	Tanaka et al.	210	500.36	
	AE4	5,783,608	07/21/98	Sugo et al.	521	29	
	AF4	5,807,424	09/15/98	De Ruiter et al.	95	148	
	AG4	5,833,726	11/10/98	Kinkead et al.	55	356	
	AH4	5,834,114	11/10/98	Economy et al.	428	368	
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	AI4	5,856,198	01/05/99	Joffe et al.	436	100	
	AJ4	5,890,367	04/06/99	You et al.	454	187	
	AK4	5,906,429	05/25/99	Mori et al.	362	293	
	AA5	5,944,878	08/31/99	Lindhe	96	132	
	AB5	6,056,805	05/02/00	Litwin et al	95	143	
	AC5	6,352,579	03/05/02	Hirata et al.	96	134	
	AD5	6,447,584	09/10/02	Kishkovich et al.	96	153	
	AE5	6,610,128	08/26/03	Kishkovich et al.	96	153	
	AF5	2002/0078828		Kishkovich et al.			05/04/01
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